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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON MDA: SIGNING THIRD  
ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL

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1. (SBU) We delivered reftel demarche on March 7 to Francis Lanitou, who handles EU Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Lanitou stated that Cyprus strongly supported the signing of the Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions and assured Poloff that the paperwork for transmitting "full powers" to authorize the signature had been completed. She stressed the importance of the issue for Cyprus from a "purely humanitarian perspective" and noted that the head of the Cyprus delegation, who is also the Deputy President of the Cyprus Red Cross, placed a high priority on completing the process of signing the Protocol.

2. (SBU) Lanitou also expressed Cyprus' full support for advancing the Third Additional Protocol at the Geneva Conference in June. Lanitou promised to pass the U.S. position onto her Director, Sotos Liassides.

3. (SBU) Liassides subsequently telephoned poloff to confirm Cyprus' support of the EU position regarding the Third Additional Protocol and he assured us that the Protocol would be signed during the June Conference in Geneva.  
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